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## **Montana car thieves arrested**

On April 26, 2006, at 8:35 am, WSP Troopers responded to a call of a disabled vehicle westbound I-90 at milepost 261. The disabled vehicle had been observed by a Lincoln County Sheriff's prisoner transport vehicle. Lincoln County advised they observed a subject walking away from the vehicle.

Troopers responded to the scene and did not observe anyone around the vehicle. Troopers then learned that the disabled vehicle had been reported stolen out of Helena, Montana. A Spokane County Sheriff's deputy who was in the area, located an individual matching the description of the person seen walking away from the stolen vehicle near Fishtrap.

The subject was identified as 24 year old Dustin R. Michelle from Helena, Montana. After being interviewed by WSP auto theft detectives Michelle admitted that he had stolen the vehicle. Video surveillance from the convenience store in Helena also identified Michelle as the thief.

There was another subject that is wanted in connection with the stolen vehicle that is still outstanding. Shaun D. Morrison, a 23 year old white male, six foot tall weighs 230 pounds with green eyes and brown hair. Morrison was last seen wearing baggy clothing. If anyone has information on Morrison's wear about should contact the WSP at 509 456-4101.

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